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## **City of Lincoln Building & Safety Department Policy on the Nebraska Energy Code**

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LB329 which updates the Nebraska Energy Code from 2003 IECC to the 2009 IECC was passed by the state's Unicameral Legislature on April 8, 2011 and signed by the Governor on April 14<sup>th</sup> 2011. **The effective date for the new code is August 24, 2011.**

The law pertaining to the Nebraska Energy Code is contained in State Statutes 81-1608 through 81-1626.

The Nebraska Energy Code shall apply to all new buildings, renovations or additions to existing buildings on which construction is initiated on or after **August 24, 2011.**

Lincoln's current Energy Code contained in Lincoln Municipal Code 20.08 & 20.10 is not deemed to be as stringent in some areas as the Nebraska Energy Code. The Nebraska Energy Code is the more stringent code and will apply within Lincoln and Lancaster County.

As of August 24, 2011, City of Lincoln will still require building permit applicants to certify compliance with the Nebraska Energy Code on a form to be attached to permit drawings. The form will be provided by the Building & Safety Department.

There are numerous seminars the International Energy Conservation Code being sponsored by the State Energy Office. It is advisable for you to attend these seminars to become knowledgeable in the concept and application of the International Energy Conservation Code and the Nebraska Energy Code.

The State Energy Office is also to have manuals and information available for use by architects, engineers, contractors, and owners. You may contact them at 402-471-3347 or via e-mail at **lchamber@mail.state.ne.us**

Questions regarding the City of Lincoln Building & Safety Department's enforcement and policies regarding the Nebraska Energy Code can be directed to Chuck Zimmerman at 402-441-6457 or via e-mail at **czimmerman@lincoln.ne.gov**